

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-3, 8, 14-15 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-18 are pending and under consideration. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are objected to.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include features of objected to claim 2.

Independent claim 8 recites the first and second stacking positions being disposed so that trailing edges of the papers are disposed relative to each other along the discharge direction. The Examiner relies upon Masaru, which teaches a small size tray 10 and a large size tray 11 that respectively receive small and large sized sheets. The wall of the large size tray 11 and the projection of the small size tray 10 are disposed relative to each other in the paper discharge direction so that the trailing edges of the papers are stacked at a same position in the paper discharge direction.

Independent claims 14, 15 and 18 are patentable over the cited references at least for similar reasons as discussed with respect to independent claim 8.

Accordingly, withdrawal of rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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